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BUDGETING

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1. APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FY-79 FMS LEVELS PROPOSED
REFTEL. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED CHANGES IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES
WHICH HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH ZAMISH AND REFLECT CURRENT FAZ
PLANNING AS NOW KNOWN.

2. MINIMUM PACKAGE (18 MILLION DOLLARS) (PARA 3 REFTEL):

ONE C130	10 MILLION
C130 SUPPORT, LOCKHEED TECH ASST TEAM,	
CESSNA SPARES	4 MILLION
150 JEEPS	1.5 MILLION
180 MILITARIZED COMMERCIAL TRUCKS	
AT 14,000 DOLLARS EACH	2.5 MILLION

BEGIN COMMENT: WE HAVE EXPANDED C130 SUPPORT TO ENCOMPASS
LOCKHEED TEAM AND SPARES FOR CESSNA AIRCRAFT. TACTICAL
RADIOS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED SINCE COMMO IN FY 77/78 PACKAGE IS
CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT MINIMUM FY 79 PACKAGE. CURRENT
INDICATIONS ARE THAT FAZ PREFERS SMALLER TRUCK THAN M-35 MODEL,
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THUS ENABLING THEM TO PURCHASE LARGER NUMBER OF VEHICLES AT
SMALLER OVERALL COSTS. END COMMENT.

3. INTERMEDIATE PACKAGE (22 MILLION DOLLARS) (PARA 4 REFTEL):

ONE C130	10 MILLION
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C130 SUPPORT, LOCKHEED TECH ASST,
CESSNA SPARES 4 MILLION

150 JEEPS 1.5 MILLION

280 MILITARIZED COMMERCIAL TRUCKS 4 MILLION

200 TACTICAL RADIOS .5 MILLION

INFRASTRUCTURE 1 MILLION

PURCHASE OF 5 CESSNA 310 AIRCRAFT 1 MILLION

BEGIN COMMENT: TACTICAL RADIOS WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT
LARGER NUMBER OF MILITARY VEHICLES. FAZA HAS LOST FIVE OF
THE ORIGINAL FIFTEEN CESSNA 310S, THREE IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.
WE ESTIMATE THAT BY 1979 CESSNA INVENTORY WILL BE DOWN TO FIVE OR
FEWER AND THAT REPLACEMENTS WILL BE BADLY NEEDED. THESE AIRCRAFT
ARE USED EXTENSIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY FOR TRAINING AND LIAISON WORK,
AND WERE USED HEAVILY FOR TACTICAL OBSERVATION DURING
SHABA INVASION. END COMMENT.

4. CURRENT OR PROPOSED PACKAGE (28 MILLION DOLLARS) (PARA 5
REFTEL):

ONE C130 10 MILLION
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TEN CESSNA 310 2 MILLION

C130, LOCKHEED, CESSNA SUPPORT 5 MILLION

150 JEEPS 1.5 MILLION

430 MILITARIZED TRUCKS 6 MILLION

200 TACTICAL RADIOS .5 MILLION

INFRASTRUCTURE 3 MILLION

BEGIN COMMENT: WE DO NOT RPT NOT FAVOR MOVING INTO NEW
AREA OF HELICOPTER PURCHASES, AT LEAST SO LONG AS GOZ IS NOT
PRESSING US ON THIS ISSUE AND SEEMS SATISFIED TO PROCURE
CHOPPERS FROM FRENCH AND OTHER SOURCES. WE WOULD PREFER TO USE
ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS AVAILABLE TO INCREASE PURCHASES OF
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, ALL OF WHICH WILL
BE NEEDED, IN ADDITION TO GREATER INPUT IN AREA OF INFRASTRUCTURE.
IN VIEW OF CESSNA 310 ATTRITION RATE ANTICIPATED ABOVE, PURCHASE
OF FIVE ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WOULD SERVE TO BRING FLEET BACK UP

TO ORIGINAL LEVEL. THERE WOULD BE NEED FOR INCREASED CESSNA
SUPPORT. ALSO C130 FLEET WILL NEED DEPOT MAINTENANCE, PROP
AND ENGINE OVERHAUL WORK IN 1979/80, IN ADDITION TO NORMAL SPARES
SUPPORT. END COMMENT.

5. IMET TRAINING (PARA 6 REFTTEL): WE CONCUR IN SUGGESTED AREAS
OF TRAINING. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT 30 PER CENT
INCREASE IN IMET TRAINING COSTS OVER 1977 HAVE ALREADY
REDUCED OUR TOTAL PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS. FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN
THE FACE OF THIS INFLATION FACTOR WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL NEGATIVE
IMPACT.
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